

December 31, 2008

Meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Dennis Bertucci, Wendell Roundy, Gladys LeFevre, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Tim Mutcher, Caroline Gaudy.

Background was given on Karl Roundy's need to sell some shares of A irrigation water. He planned to sell three shares at a price of \$6,000-10,000 each. The last sale of A water was \$5,000, but the Irrigation Company feels that \$7,000 is not unexpected or unreasonable. Karl now wants to sell four shares for \$7,000 each. Bill stated that that is a lot of money, but it would be good for us to have if we can afford it. One share is 6.87 gpm. Wendell feels three shares can hardly be measured in a weir. Bill replied that it can be measured through the number and size of sprinkler heads being used or a weir could be installed.

This will probably be our only chance to buy water. Bill feels we can't go wrong and should buy it. We would have no problem selling it if we decide we don't need it. Dennis wondered if four shares is enough for what we need. Bill replied that one and a half acres/share could be watered through sprinklers or one acre if it is flooded. It wouldn't be enough but would be better than nothing. Combined with our C shares, we could water well into July.

Dennis asked if there is a way to get better use of it. Tim replied that that depends on a pond and where the water is brought in, and Bill stated that we could put in a drip line to increase the efficiency. Wendell feels that it is a lot of money, but would be a good investment. Bill feels that water probably will never go down. There would be continuous water flowing into the pond.

Tom Jerome has told the mayor that the Park Committee would be willing to give \$10,000 of the money allocated to the park toward the purchase of the water, and Tim stated that there are people who are willing to donate to the park if we use the \$10,000 for water.

Gladys made a motion we purchase four shares of A water from Karl Roundy for \$7,000 each, or a total of \$28,000. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dennis asked that the town write a letter of thanks to the County Commission, Five Counties, and CIB for funding our truck.

Bill distributed a copy of a letter which Don Montoya wrote to UDOT regarding safety

issues on Highway 12 at the curve, as there either or no culverts or the culverts are plugged, water overflows onto the highway and freezes, causing a dangerous situation. Wendell asked if Kelly doesn't have a culvert? And was it plugged? He thinks there is a culvert, but there was too much water. Bill said that, if so, maybe it just needs to be cleaned out.

UDOT requires a permit in order for a private drive to enter the highway, and it's possible that one was not obtained, which could account for a problem with the design. Wendell thinks the problem is at Kelly's, not at Gibbs', and that it is a UDOT issue, not a Town issue. Gladys feels we should contact UDOT (Nathan Low) and determine if it is their problem and ask if there is anything we need to do.

Bill will give Nathan Low a call, refer him to Don's letter, and see if there is anything he needs us to do.

Randy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Clerk

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Approved by Bill Muse, Mayor